

CHÆTODON SQUAMULOSUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Dentes (plerisque) fetacei, flexiles, confertissimi, numerosissimi.

Membrana branchiostega radiis sex.

Corpus plerumque fasciatum. *Pinna* dorsi anique carnosæ squamosæ.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

CHÆTODON viridi-aureus, squamis squamulosis.

ACARAUNA MAJOR, &c.

Catesb. 2. p. 31. t. 31.

Pisces depinximus non modica pulchritudine, juxta Americæ et insularum adjacentium litora copiose satis generatum, squamis insigniter contextum quæ ipsæ minutius squamatæ: quod vel solum speciem satis denotet. Non raro errant auctores, qui nihil distare opinantur hunc pisces a *Chætodonte triostego* Linnæi; ducitque eos in errorem quod falso citatur in systematis Linnæani editione duodecima, indeque in alia multa opera irrepsit.

Accidere

Accidere solet huic quod et aliis plerisque piscibus, ut diversis anni temporibus variet color; magis scilicet minusve aureus, pinnis itidem magis minusve rubro-cæruleis.

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THE
DOUBLE-SCALED CHÆTODON.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Teeth (in most species) setaceous, small, very numerous.

Body commonly fasciated transversely. Dorsal and anal fins fleshy and scaly towards the base.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Gold-green CHÆTODON, with the scales coated with smaller ones.

The ANGEL-FISH.

This beautiful fish is not uncommon about the coasts of America and the West Indian islands. It is remarkable for the very singular appearance of its scales; which are each coated over with much smaller ones; a particularity alone sufficient to distinguish this species from almost all others. It is often confounded with the *Chætodon triostegus* of Linnæus; owing to a mistaken quotation in the
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twelfth edition of the *Systema Naturæ* of that author, and which has been carelessly repeated by several others. In color, like most fishes, it varies at different seasons; being sometimes of a far richer and more golden tinge than at others; as well as with the blue and scarlet of the fins either deeper or lighter according to circumstances.